

as arbitrary State caps that limit investment in clean technology. I will continue to push for a level playing field for California that invests our Federal tax dollars where the need is greatest and where they can do the most good.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 19 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HILL) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the Earth. We need only look to the rising Sun after days of gray skies and behold Your glory as it breaks through the clouds, and then we bear witness to the awe of Your creation. So may Your presence dawn on us this day and dispel the fear and hopelessness that has for so long cast its long shadow on our lives.

You reign forever. There is nothing that is not subject to Your judgment, not our own errant thoughts, our misdeeds, our adversaries, nor our inability to acknowledge our dependence on You. You rule the world with righteousness, and You judge the peoples with equity.

In light of Your justness and Your justice, may we order our lives. In You may the oppressed find refuge and the wavering a stronghold in times of trouble.

You have never forsaken those who trust You. Those who know You find strength in calling Your name.

And so we offer to You our prayers, our efforts, and our very selves this day in the strength of that sovereign name.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CALIFORNIA STORMS AND CENTRAL VALLEY FARMERS

(Mr. VALADAO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, over the last few weeks, California has experienced severe storms that brought much-needed water to our State. If you thought that meant water shortages in California were over, you would be wrong.

Since October of last year, California has flushed over 6.4 million acre-feet of water out to the ocean. That is 2 trillion gallons. This is extremely frustrating for the Central Valley farmers who are following their fields and the communities that are running out of water for daily use in their homes and businesses.

The pumps that are in place to deliver water to farms, homes, and businesses aren't allowed to run at their full capacity due to environmental regulations. If we had increased flexibility on these pumping regulations to account for real-time conditions, we could have captured 84,000 more acre-feet of water during the 2 weeks of storms.

Increasing flexibility in how we operate these pumps, as well as investing in critical water storage infrastructure and conveyance projects, will allow us to maximize what can be stored for these flow events and make us more resilient for drought.

Every drop of water is critical to my constituents in Central Valley.

END HUNGER NOW

(Mr. MCGOVERN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, in the decades-long fight to end hunger, last September's White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health was a major turning point.

I thank the Biden-Harris administration for convening antihunger and nutrition stakeholders from across America to come up with an ambitious yet achievable plan to end hunger and reduce diet-related illnesses by 2030. The national strategy put forward will serve as our guide.

Now, it is time to put plans into action. I am thrilled that the Biden-Har-

ris administration remains laser-focused on maintaining the momentum coming out of the conference.

We have already achieved big wins, like permanently expanding summer food benefits for families with kids and signing into law the Food Donation Improvement Act, a bill I championed to make it easier for businesses to donate food.

Our work is just beginning, and I urge every American to join us in creating a healthier, hunger-free future for all. I have more faith than ever that, working together, we can and will end hunger now.

STANDING WITH OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, last week, President Biden decided to second-guess law enforcement once again.

Last Monday, he asked why they, meaning the police, should "always shoot with deadly force." In the past, he has also told police officers to aim for the legs while criminals are charging at them. These comments show a complete lack of knowledge of policing and self-defense.

The fact is, criminals will sometimes violently resist arrest. In those instances, it is important for police officers to be able to defend themselves or others around them.

Any time a firearm is discharged, that is considered deadly force. Is the President suggesting cops never use their firearms, even in clear cases of self-defense or protecting others?

To sit on the sidelines and blame law enforcement, not criminals, for the outcomes of these deadly interactions encourages violence against police officers, excuses criminal behavior, and is very bad for recruiting new police officers.

The President should be standing with our law enforcement officers, not siding with or aiding and abetting criminals.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to avoid engaging in personalities toward the President.

END EASY ACCESS TO UNREGULATED FIREARMS

(Mrs. MCBATH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, there have been 40 separate mass shootings since the year began. This weekend, 18 people were murdered within hours of each other.

That is it. That is all there is to say.

What do these mass murders all have in common? Easy access to unregulated firearms. That is the problem.

It cannot get any clearer. Without easy access to unregulated firearms,

these mass murders do not happen; these families do not grieve; and this country does not live in fear.

Without easy access to unregulated firearms, we save lives. It is just that simple. It is truly that simple.

This type of bloodshed doesn't happen in other developed nations around the world, only here in the United States of America. Other nations don't allow unfettered access to unregulated firearms.

This is not who we are supposed to be as America. We should feel safe in our communities.

THE SITUATION IN IRAN

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, FOX News and Iran International report that the Special Envoy for Iran for Biden, Robert Malley, has met with the Iranian Ambassador to the United States three times recently. During this period, the Iranian regime was murdering its own people in the streets. The Biden administration must explain to the American people what was discussed.

General Jack Keane has correctly warned that Iran can develop a nuclear capability in just 4 more months. Biden refuses to close the door and stop the talks over reentering the Iran nuclear deal. An absurd Iran nuclear agreement will give the regime billions of dollars, threatening Israel and underwriting drones to Putin against Ukraine.

I have appreciated the bipartisan opposition to the deal by Senator Joe Lieberman and Chairman Eliot Engel.

The House Republican majority is committed to providing oversight of the weak foreign policy of Biden.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues, moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

HONORING LARRY ROGERS, SR.

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Larry Rogers, Sr.

Larry was a loving father and grandfather and a devoted Chicago sports fan, but he was known to many for changing their lives in the courtroom.

Larry was a native of the Roseland community in Chicago and came to the practice of law while he was working three jobs to support his family. There were very few other Black attorneys at the time, and Larry Rogers, Sr., helped pave the way for more lawyers who looked like him.

As a lawyer, Larry fought for the little guy. He won hundreds of millions of dollars for victims of corporate malfeasance and medical malpractice. One of

his most notable accomplishments was winning an eight-figure verdict for victims of chloride-deficient baby formula even after the Department of Justice declined to press charges.

He lived a life devoted to giving the powerless a chance to take on the most powerful. Larry Rogers, Sr., leaves behind a legacy that all of Illinois can be proud of. It was an honor to know him.

HONORING MAJOR KATIE LUNNING

(Mr. NUNN of Iowa asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Major Katie Lunning, a Critical Care Air Transport Team nurse in the U.S. Air Force Air National Guard.

The wings of angels come in many forms. On August 26, 2021, those wings came in the form of Flight Nurse Lunning. Her medical evacuation team boarded a C-17 Globemaster, a massive flying ambulance, to evacuate critically injured Americans and allies in the evacuation of Afghanistan.

Major Katie Lunning, an intensive critical care unit nurse manager in her civilian career, is no stranger to hard work and the harrowing missions with the Iowa Department of Veterans Affairs in Des Moines, Iowa.

Recently, Major Lunning became the first flight nurse in the Air National Guard to be awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, our Nation's highest award for extraordinary aerial achievement.

As Afghanistan fell and Taliban forces converged on the capital, Major Lunning was one of the first to respond to a mass casualty suicide bombing at Kabul airport. The tragic death toll claimed the lives of nearly 200, including 13 American servicemembers, among them Iowa's very own Corporal Daegan Page.

Major Lunning was on the scene within hours of the bombing and immediately worked to triage and prepare patients for evacuation while taking enemy fire.

With few resources, Major Lunning provided medical care to patients, including five who were critically injured and a 2-year-old with a traumatic brain injury, during the 8-hour flight to safety. All 22 patients survived.

She is the epitome of a winged angel: heroic, selfless, and providing rescue to those in times of critical need.

With all of Iowa, I join in saluting Major Lunning as we could not be prouder. Moreover, her dauntless courage is an inspiration to the future women and men who will don the flight nurse's uniform and serve our State and country in the missions ahead.

ABORTION IS HEALTHCARE

(Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for my first floor speech to stand with women across the country to commemorate what should have been the 50th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* this past weekend.

This decision had guaranteed every woman and girl in our country the freedom to make decisions about their own bodies. Yet, 7 months ago, our radical Supreme Court ripped that freedom away.

In today's America, there are millions of women who won't be able to have a say in their own futures. This came as a direct result of extremist Republicans and their decades-long war on reproductive healthcare.

Instead of focusing and delivering for Americans, Republicans have proposed and prioritized a national abortion ban. Let's be clear: Abortion is healthcare, and abortion should be accessible to every woman in our country.

For this reason, I rise today strongly in support of the Women's Health Protection Act to make *Roe v. Wade* the law of the land.

□ 1215

CONGRATULATING EVELYN HOLMES-SMITH FROM ENTERPRISE HIGH SCHOOL

(Mr. MOORE of Alabama asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Evelyn Holmes-Smith from Enterprise High School's wrestling team for winning the Alabama State Championship, making her a three-time State champion. Only a sophomore, Evelyn posted a 36-0 record on the season.

Evelyn's perfect season helped the Wildcat girl's wrestling team finish fourth out of 59 teams across the State of Alabama. She hopes to continue wrestling in college and represent the United States in the Olympic Games one day.

Evelyn is known for her quick take-downs on the mat. When she came to my office last year, she demonstrated a few of her signature wrestling moves, as you can see here in the photo.

On behalf of Alabama's Second District, I congratulate Evelyn Holmes-Smith and the Enterprise High School wrestling team on an impressive year. Go Wildcats.

A STRONG MIDDLE CLASS IS ESSENTIAL TO A STRONG ECONOMY, DEMOCRACY, AND AMERICA

(Ms. BROWNLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, how are House Republicans working for America's working families struggling to make ends meet?

By pursuing an economic scheme that raises their taxes and increases their everyday costs.